

HAVOC BY STORMS OVER A WIDE AREA

DAMAGE PLACED AT MANY MILLIONS OF DOLLARS

CHICAGO SUBURBS HARD HIT

Gales Extend as Far South as Georgia and Alabama, Where 26 Deaths Have Been Reported.

Chicago.—Tornadoes that struck in half a dozen states caused a death list that may pass three score, caused property damage reaching many million dollars and played havoc with wire and railway service in wide-spread areas.

The greatest damage was done in Chicago suburbs and Elgin, Ill., where the known death list was twenty-three and a number of other persons were missing.

Atlanta reported that the death list in Georgia and Alabama was at least thirty-six. Apparently there were three distinct storms, one driving northeastward into Illinois and dying out on the shores of Lake Michigan just north of Chicago, one striking in Georgia and Alabama and another sweeping through Indiana and passing into Ohio and Michigan.

Points suffering greatest damage follow:

Chicago suburbs, fifteen known killed, hundreds injured, a dozen or more missing and damage of upwards of a half a million dollars done.

Elgin, Ill., eight known dead, several missing and scores injured. Property damage estimated at nearly \$4,000,000.

LaGrange, Ga., death list reported as high as thirty and heavy property damage.

West Point, Ga., five reported killed.

Agricola, Ala., five killed.

Zulu, Ind., three killed, heavy property damage.

Greenville and Union City, O., sixteen reported killed.

Hart, Mich., one dead.

Penton, Mich., seven killed.

Genoa, O., several reported killed.

Nashville, O., four known killed and the death list estimated as high as twenty.

East Troy, Wis., one killed.

St. Louis, one killed.

12,000 Guns Discovered.

Paris.—Three thousand five hundred three-inch guns have been found in the vicinity of Berlin alone and altogether 12,000 of these guns thus far have been discovered throughout Germany as well as 6,000 airplanes intact. According to the terms of the treaty at Versailles the German army should now have only 204 three-inch guns and no airplanes whatsoever.

Poland Seeking Peace.

Warsaw.—Poland has sent a wireless message to the Russian bolshevik government proposing April 10 as the date for meeting soviet delegates with a view of negotiation for peace. Borison (Broszow, fifty miles southwest of Lemberg) is suggested as the place for the meeting. The Poles say that if the bolsheviks agree to this date and place the Polish army will cease fighting for the time being.

Winnipeg Strike Chiefs Convicted.

Winnipeg, Man.—Five of the leaders of the Winnipeg general strike last year at this time were found guilty of seditious conspiracy at the close of the long trial here. One of the other defendants was found guilty of committing a common nuisance, but not guilty of conspiracy, and the seventh defendant was found not guilty on all seven counts.

Girl Convicted of Manslaughter.

Durango, Colo.—Caroline Jones, 17 years old, was found guilty of voluntary manslaughter by a jury trying her on a charge of killing Carl Bay, who was slain on the street at Bayfield in January last. The penalty is from one to eight years in the penitentiary.

Council Bluffs.—Mrs. Douglas Bend.

Liberty, Mo., blind for thirteen years, is now able to see. She was one of four women from the institution for blind in Nebraska who attended the hearing mission of James Moore Hickson in St. Paul's Episcopal church here.

Dublin.—Prisoners from various parts of Ireland have been arriving at Mountjoy jail.

Heavy military guards accompanied them. Phillip Shanahan, Finn Sein member of parliament, and prominent in Sinn Fein activities, was arrested.

Chicago.—Demands of the National Wholesale Grocers association that

wholesalers restrict shipments in refrigerator cars to fresh meat only are not only economically unsound, but would work a hardship on the general public. R. D. Ryder, counsel for Swift & Co., declared before Commissioner C. D. Atchison, of the Interstate commerce commission. Mr. Ryder said that the number of refrigerator cars operated by Swift & Co., would be cut from 717 to 150 a week if the order sought by the wholesale grocers were granted.

THE YEAR OF BIG MEDICINE



ENDS U. S. COAL RULE

President Paves Way for Increased Fuel Prices.

Says There Is No Provision of Law for Fixing New Rates for Peace-Time Purposes.

Washington, March 25.—Government control over the maximum price of bituminous coal was withdrawn by President Wilson, effective April 1.

At the same time the president wrote the operators and miners transmitting the majority report of the coal commission and informing them that this report was "the basis upon which the wage-scale agreements between the mine workers and operators shall be made."

April 1 is the date on which these agreements normally would become effective, and by removing government control of prices effective that day the president paves the way for increased coal prices to absorb the average 27 per cent increase recommended in the majority report.

The president wrote the operators and miners that it was "essential to the public welfare that the agreements be concluded at the earliest date practicable so that the uncertainty as to the fuel supply may be ended and that the consumers may be able to make contracts for their coal supply."

The president said he assumed that neither party would raise any question and that he was sure that no question could properly be raised as to the binding character of the award by the majority of the commission, notwithstanding the fact that it was not unanimous.

The executive order withdrawing government control of prices removes virtually all government control of coal, placing the fuel administration in the status it was before its authority struck last November 1.

The president said there was no provision of law for fixing new coal prices for peacetime purposes and that "unless and until some grave emergency shall arise, which in my judgment has a relation to the emergency purpose of the Lever act, I would not feel justified in fixing coal prices with reference to future conditions of production."

The majority report of the commission said the 27 per cent increase absorbed the 14 per cent increase allowed when the miners returned to work and that in dollars it would approximate \$200,000,000 a year.

HARD COAL MEN WON'T QUIT

Miners Will Continue Work Pending New Wage Agreement Negotiations.

Peoria, March 24.—At the conclusion of a lengthy address by President Frank Farrington, in which he bitterly assailed the Socialist Labor party leaders and insurgents who led "the wild cat" strike of last August, Illinois mine workers in convention here voted against the proposed strike in the Belleville district. The vote was 480 to 123.

Chicago City Workers Quit.

Chicago, March 24.—The first walk-out in what threatens to be a general strike of city employes occurred when 500 teamsters and chauffeurs quit work, tying up the collection of garbage and refuse throughout the city.

Thousand Killed at Coburg.

Berlin, March 25.—In a battle at Coburg, Sax-Coburg-Gotha, the communist forces were defeated and lost more than 1,000 killed, while the reichswehr had 19 killed and 34 wounded.

NEW CABINET FORMED

Gustav Noske and Mathias Erzberger Are Let Out.

Doctor Gessler, Former Burgomaster of Nuremberg, Is Named Minister of Defense.

Berlin, March 26.—Doctor Gessler, a Democrat, former burgomaster of Nuremberg and more recently minister of reconstruction, has accepted the thankless task of maintaining law and order in Germany as minister of defense, succeeding Gustav Noske.

Doctor Cuno, the late Albert Ballin's successor as head of the Hamburg-American line, has been named minister of finance, to succeed Dr. Mathias Erzberger.

These are the two only really important changes in the "reconstructed cabinet," which will be presented to the national assembly simultaneously with the announcement of the formal retirement of the Bauer cabinet.

The convening of the assembly had to be postponed owing to the inability of the three coalition parties to agree upon three less important portfolios, which are still unsettled.

The political complexion of the "new old cabinet" is the same as it was before the Kapp-Luettwitz coup, the coalition comprising social democrats, centrists and democrats. The independent socialists refused to come into the ministry. The life of the "patched-up" cabinet promises to be short.

SIMS ASSAILED BY PITTMAN

Nevada Senator Tells Admiral He Wanted to Turn U. S. Navy Over to Britain.

Washington, March 25.—Cross-examination of Rear Admiral Sims was concluded by the senate committee.

Senator Pittman of Nevada said Admiral Sims desired to "turn over the whole American navy to the British" during the war regardless of protection of the coasts of the United States. "The testimony proves to my satisfaction that you relied very largely on the British admiralty for your opinions and recommendations," declared Senator Pittman.

At one point the senator shook his finger at the officer.

"Don't shake your finger at me," admonished the admiral.

"You are not on the bridge of a ship," retorted the senator. "We will follow senate procedure, not navy methods, here."

PLAN RECOUNT IN MICHIGAN

Arrangements Made for Check of Ballots in Ford-Newberry Senatorial Election.

Washington, March 25.—Arrangements were made for a recount of ballots in the Ford-Newberry senatorial election in Michigan by a subcommittee of the senate privileges and elections committee.

Rob Bismarck's Casket.

Copenhagen, March 25.—Prince Bismarck's mausoleum at Friedrichsruhe was entered by burglars, the thieves carrying off silver wreaths attached to the casket. Two suspects have been arrested at Buechen.

Small Majority Against Gambling.

Berne, Switzerland, March 26.—A referendum on the proposed prohibition of gambling houses in Switzerland showed a majority of only 50,000 in favor of prohibition in a total vote approaching 500,000.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION NOTES

Lincoln.—Amendments adopted by the constitutional convention will be submitted to voters of Nebraska at a special election to be held on Tuesday, September 21, according to a decision reached by the body before adjournment. The action was taken by the convention because of the fact that two, and possibly three referendums, if the liquor referendum is allowed by the courts, will be submitted at the regular election this fall along with a full list of candidates for all offices. A ballot for submitting the proposals has been formulated. It will show each proposal by number with the section it seeks to amend. This will be followed by an explanation in a short way of the proposal which will follow with the usual square in which the cross may be made. Under the provision of the present constitution, amendments are adopted by a majority of those voting.

The constitutional convention, which had been in session continuously, except for a short vacation after the holidays, since December 1, adjourned last Thursday until October 19. The adjournment was taken in order to permit the convention to reassemble after the election and eliminate the proposals rejected by the voters and get the new constitution in proper order.

The matter of putting the work of the convention before the voters was left to two committees, on publicity, H. L. Keefe of Thurston, chairman; and address to the people, President Weaver, chairman. A statement explaining the work of the convention has been prepared by the committee on address to the people. The committee on publicity has decided to have printed in pamphlet form the entire present constitution, and in a parallel column, with the amended sections, the amendments proposed by the present constitutional convention. This, with the address to the people, will be placed in the hands of every voter in the state, both men and women.

After the real business of the convention had been disposed of and just before adjournment, a tribute was paid to President Weaver in the form of a testimonial signed by all members of the convention. Sidner of Dodge presented it to the secretary for reading. It was in the form of a letter thanking the president for the able and splendid way he had presided over the convention, for his absolute impartiality, his insistence that all delegates should be heard and his untiring efforts for the success of the convention. The testimonial was made a part of the journal and the original was given to President Weaver.

Each member of the convention is to receive one copy of the journal when it is printed in permanent form, prepaid, and one copy to be sent as each member directs. Newspapers that have reported the convention are to receive one copy each, certain officers one each, the balance to be placed in the state law and miscellaneous library to be disposed of as the legislature shall direct. The secretary is to retain necessary help for the next ten days in finishing the work of the convention.

A constitutional amendment to give Nebraska women full voting privilege, if adopted by the voters September 21, could be made effective by the governor in time to grant them complete suffrage at the November general election, under a provision made by the state's constitutional convention.

Louis J. TePeel, constitutional convention delegate from Omaha, was the only one of the ninety-five delegates who voted against the question of giving the women suffrage in the constitution of Nebraska.

Woman suffrage, minimum wage for women, exemption of household goods to the value of \$200 from taxation, and legislative regulation of the hours and conditions of labor for women and children, all are part of the new constitution. All were sponsored by Howard Douglas.

One of the last acts of the convention was the adoption of a proposal giving women full voting privileges. At present they are prohibited from voting for officers provided for by the constitution.

Many Omahans are elated over the act of the convention in adopting Proposal 312, which will permit the metropolis to adopt its present charter as its home rule charter by a majority vote of the people voting on the proposition.

President Weaver appointed as an advisory committee in legal matters connected with the work of the convention yet to be performed, Peterson of Lancaster, Pitzer of Otoe and Albert of Platte.

The convention eliminated the Peterson amendment to the rural credits proposal giving the state the right to back loans to any amount and then adopted the original proposal limiting the amount to which the state could go into debt to \$500,000.

There will be no more executive sessions of the Nebraska state senate in confirmation of nominations of the governor for members of the state board of control. The constitutional convention struck that provision out of the constitution.

CORNHUSKER ITEMS

News of All Kinds Gathered From Various Points Throughout Nebraska.

OF INTEREST TO ALL READERS

The condition of the American State bank at Aurora, which recently closed its doors and is now in the hands of the state banking board, is not alarming, according to Secretary P. E. Hart of the department of trade and commerce. The greatest chance for possible loss lies in an overdraft for \$30,000 made by C. W. Wentz, vice president of the bank, who has been found in an Omaha sanitarium.

Secretary of State Amsberry announced that the name of ex-Governor John H. Morehead of Falls City will appear on the democratic primary ballot as a candidate for nomination for governor despite a ruling to the contrary by the attorney general.

Charles W. Wentz, vice president of the American State bank at Aurora, found in Omaha after having left the bank with a shortage of \$87,500, has turned over to Secretary J. E. Hart of the state banking board first mortgage securities covering the amount.

Among the prizes offered for winners in the membership drive instituted by the American Legion the first of April are free trips for the four high men to the national convention in Cleveland, O., in October, with all expenses paid.

Red, oily, clay soil from Kansas and Oklahoma plastered the sidewalks, streets and buildings of O'Neill as a result of the recent high winds. Dust even penetrated the interior of stores and homes.

Farmers near Ralston have complained to the State Railway Commission that the Nebraska Telephone Company will not extend service to their homes unless they build the lines at the expense of \$500.

The Cheyenne county fair board has asked the commissioners to submit to the voters at the April primary a \$30,000 bond issue to be used in making necessary improvements at the fair grounds at Sidney.

Leo Darling, negro, who confessed to the killing of Conductor Robert Marney of Omaha at North Platte a few months ago, was sentenced to 99 years in the state penitentiary.

State officers have found no trace of the robbers who blew the vault of the First National bank of Greenwood and escaped with \$100,000 worth of bonds and \$50 cash.

The American Legion of Nebraska announced that it will probe the war record of every candidate for public office in the coming campaign.

Thirty Nebraska high schools have entered students in a Nebraska live stock judging contest, to be held at the state farm at Lincoln April 3.

The Fremont Commercial club endorsed the American Legion's request for additional compensation for former service men.

At the regular municipal election at West Point, April 6, voters will pass on a \$22,000 water extension bond proposition.

Highways in the vicinity of Brock have been rendered almost impassable by the terrific dust storms of the past week.

The Sutton city council adopted an ordinance prohibiting the establishment of oil filling stations within the city limits.

At a meeting of farmers at Sutton plans were laid for forming an association for mercantile purposes.

Fairbury's Commercial Club has a membership of nearly 300 and a paid secretary is to be secured soon.

Oak Davis, former newspaper man, has been appointed director of the Interchurch campaign in Nebraska.

Road bonds to the extent of \$20,000 have been proposed by citizens of Inman township, Holt county.

John H. Bachelor of Valentine, republican candidate for governor, has withdrawn from the race.

The Lincoln Telephone and Telegraph Company is planning to build a new home at Nebraska City.

A. H. Meyer of Burwell purchased the estate of the late Thomas G. Hemmett for \$71,000.

A heavy hail storm at Fremont damaged greenhouses in the city to the extent of \$10,000.

Construction of a new 80-room hospital at O'Neill will begin in June or early in July.

His car, presumably blown over by a 45-mile gale, William J. Bobbitt, former Adams county assessor, was found dead under his automobile near Hastings.

Sarpy county women are anxious to serve in the coming political campaign, about twenty having filed for membership on the republican county central committee.

The Ord school board has raised the minimum salaries of teachers in the primary grades to \$100 a month with a \$100 bonus if the contract is successfully finished.

Work on Wymore's big sewer project is now in progress. It will cost approximately \$68,000.

The orders of a passenger to "give him all the thrills he had" is said to be responsible for the accident at Ogallala, in which Aviator Lon Button of Grand Island was seriously injured and his passenger killed.

A flock of 100 chickens owned by Mrs. Walter Armstrong of Stella, in one year's time, exclusive of the eggs and poultry consumed at home, earned a net income for the family of \$326.75, and represented an investment of \$175.

When the time for filing for the nomination for governor of Nebraska closed there were seven candidates for the republican and five for the democratic nomination. Following are in the republican race: Governor McKelvie, Tom Hall, E. M. Pollard, Adam McMullen, H. J. McLaughlin, G. D. Mathewson and R. B. Howell. The democratic race has been entered by Grant Shumway, George Jackson, J. A. Robertson, John M. Morehead and Ralph A. Clark.

The Nebraska City Products company, capitalized at \$1,500,000, has taken over the holdings of the Humboldt Brick company at Humboldt. They plan to make the plant one of the largest in the state, and they will build cottages for the use of their employes.

In an effort to promote purebred stock raising signs are to be placed on the entry gates of hundreds of Gage county farms, bearing a slogan which reflects the owners' pledge that they will use only purebred sires at the head of their cattle or swine.

Nebraska American Legion officers have asked Governor McKelvie to designate May 1 as Americanization day in this state, with programs in every city and town, to impress foreign-born with American principles of government.

The American Legion of Nebraska has inaugurated a campaign to secure 30,000 members before the expiration of 1920. The total membership in the state now is over the 12,000 mark. There are 54,000 men eligible to membership.

The village of Johnson is soon to vote a bond issue for the purpose of building a transmission line, either to Auburn or to Tecumseh for the purpose of providing light and power for the town.

In spite of the fact that the 1919 crop was large there is a shortage of good seed corn, according to reports. Early wet and cold weather, together with labor shortage, is blamed for the condition.

The final survey of the O'Neill-Spencer highway has been completed by Assistant State Engineer Noble and a federal engineer. The highway is expected to be completed this fall.

Secretary of State Amsberry has finally decided to eliminate the name of Gov. E. I. Edwards from the Nebraska primary ballot as a presidential candidate.

Nebraska women are granted full voting privileges under a measure adopted by the state constitutional convention which ended its session at Lincoln last Thursday.

Columbus citizens are organizing to prevent the removal of the county seat to Platte Center. The question will be voted on at the April primaries.

Horse traffic in Lincoln has decreased 85 per cent since 1913, and motor driven traffic has increased 319 per cent, statistics show.

One and a half miles of paving will be laid at Gottenburg this summer. Plans are being made to begin the work.

The women's clubs of Ord have launched a campaign to secure a modern and efficient public library for the city.

The Neal & Bowen barns and sales pavilion, at Kearney, were completely destroyed by fire, entailing a loss of \$10,000.

J. H. Rayburn, formerly secretary of the Scottsbluff Chamber of Commerce, has assumed the position of city manager at Chadron.

Steel signs, in the shape of an arrow, are to be placed along highways leading into Brunswick by the Community club of the town.

John H. Dundas, pioneer of Nemaha county, died at Auburn. For many years he was editor of the Nemaha County Granger.

School teachers of Fairbury have been granted a substantial increase in salary by the board of education.

The state banking board reports an increase of \$19,711,676 in bank deposits in Nebraska since November 15. Fall wheat in Jefferson county suffered considerably from the dust storm the early part of the past week.

Women of O'Neill are waging a campaign to secure at least half of the political offices at the April election.

Announcement has been made that the Nebraska state spelling contest will be held at Lincoln April 30.

Creighton college at Omaha won the state inter-collegiate oratorical contest for the fifth successive time.

A paint factory with a capacity of 200 gallons a day will go into operation April 5 at Geneva.

Henri William Enderies, editor of the Lincoln Freie Presse, a German publication, died in Lincoln.

It will be necessary to discontinue state support to the economy campaign as a result of suspension of the operation of the code bill, Governor McKelvie has stated.

The Nebraska branch of the Women's Relief Corps will give an Easter dinner to Nebraska soldiers and nurses confined to the army hospital at Fort Sheridan.

Authority to install a transmission line from Stanton to Pilger has been granted the Pilger High Power Line company by the State Railway commission.

The name of Senator G. M. Hitchcock was filed in Lincoln as candidate for the democratic nomination for president.

Several carloads of orange fence posts are being shipped daily from various towns in southeastern Nebraska, and the industry is becoming an important one in that section.

The executive committee of the American Legion of Nebraska, at a meeting in Fremont, adopted resolutions urging congress to act at once on the soldier bonus plan backed by national officers of the legion.